

International Society of Nephrology

Membership

Any member of a national society of nephrology is eligible for proposal to membership in the International Society of Nephrology and receipt of the Society's official Journal, *Kidney International*. A subscription to *Kidney International* (including all Supplements) for calendar year 1997 is included in the annual 1997 dues of US \$120.00. Potential members can secure application forms for membership by writing directly to Dr. William E. Mitch, Treasurer, International Society of Nephrology, Emory University, Renal Division, WMB Room 338, 1639 Pierce Drive, Atlanta, GA 30322, USA. The completed application form must be signed by two sponsors who are current fellow members of the ISN and then returned to Dr. Mitch along with a check or money order for the first year's dues of \$120.00. (Checks should be made payable to the International Society of Nephrology. Checks from outside the USA can be paid through any United States bank.)

ISN World Wide Web Page

The ISN Computerized Information Committee co-chaired by Drs. Kim Solez (Edmonton) and Zal Agus (Philadelphia) is maintaining and updating the ISN Home Page on the World Wide Web. This Home Page describes ISN programs, lists officers, councilors and members of the Commission for Developing Countries, and supplies general information regarding ISN membership and subscription to *Kidney International*. The uniform resource locators (URLs) for the Web Page are: **Europe:** <http://fester.his.path.cam.ac.uk/big/synapse/000p0035.htm> **North America:** <http://synapse.uah.ualberta.ca/synapse/000p0035.htm>. Material from the Madrid International Congress is available using the URL <http://fester.his.path.cam.ac.uk/big/synapse/000p049x.htm>

ISN Sponsorship of Meetings

The International Society of Nephrology (ISN) encourages the organizers of scientific symposia, workshops, and conferences held independently of the International Congress of Nephrology to apply to hold these meetings under the auspices of ISN.

In general, such an arrangement does not include an offer of financial support on the part of ISN. In special cases, however, the Society may be able to offer seed money.

Organizers who wish to apply to hold their meetings under the auspices of the Society should include the following information in their applications:

1. Topic and purpose of meeting.
2. Location and date of meeting.
3. Names of members of scientific organizing committee.
4. Names of co-sponsors and sources of financial support.
5. Names and topics of invited speakers.

6. Statement regarding whether or not free communications will be sought.

Applications will not be accepted from organizers of regularly, or routinely, scheduled regional, national, or international meetings.

Applications should be submitted to Jan J. Weening, M.D., Secretary General, Academic Medical Ctr., Meibergdreef 9, 1105 AZ Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Publications and announcements of meetings held under ISN's auspices should include the statement of acknowledgement: "...was held under the auspices of the International Society of Nephrology."

Guidelines for sponsorship of symposia, postgraduate courses, or workshops by the International Society of Nephrology

The International Society of Nephrology (ISN) encourages the organizers of scientific symposia, postgraduate courses, or workshops to apply to the Society for sponsorship. ISN sponsorship will provide: (1) use of the Society's name as a sponsor or co-sponsor; (2) announcement of the meeting in *Kidney International*, contingent upon the receipt of written information in the Editorial office at least 6 months in advance of the meeting; (3) the possibility of partial financial support. Applications must include the following information: (1) the topic, purpose, location and date(s) of the meeting; (2) the names and titles of the members of the scientific organizing committee; (3) a list of all co-sponsoring institutions, if any, and sources of financial support; (4) the total revenue and expense budget for the proposed meeting, by major category; (5) the names and institutions of origin of all invited speakers, and their topics; (6) a statement as to whether manuscripts will be solicited from invited speakers, or free communications sought from others; (7) an expression of willingness to include the following acknowledgment on all publications: "... was held under the auspices of the International Society of Nephrology."

These guidelines do not apply to satellite symposia to be held in close proximity to a triennial Congress. Furthermore, the ISN will not sponsor or co-sponsor any regularly scheduled or routine international, national, or regional meeting, nor will it co-sponsor postgraduate courses with other international societies or groups.

Applications for sponsorship must be submitted directly to Kiyoshi Kurokawa, M.D., Tokai University School of Medicine, Bohseidai, Isehara-shi, Kanagawa 259-11, Japan. Tel: (81) 463 93 1121 Ext 2111/Fax: (81) 463 93 1130/Email: kurokawa@is.icc.u-tokai.ac.jp

ISN Archives

Dr. Leon Fine has accepted the responsibility of maintaining the Archives of the International Society of Nephrology. The Archives consist of photographs, announcements, activities, and names of Council Members and Officers of the Society. Relevant information, documents, or photographs that are pertinent to the

development and evolution of the ISN are assembled in the Archives.

Members of the ISN or other readers of *Kidney International* having such material are requested to forward it to Dr. Fine at the following address: Leon G. Fine, F.R.C.P., F.A.C.P., F.R.C.P. (Glasg), Professor of Medicine and Head of the Department, Chairman, Division of Medicine, University College London Medical School, The Rayne Institute, 5 University Street, London WC1B 6JJ, United Kingdom.

MEETINGS

FOREFRONTS IN NEPHROLOGY

Genes and Genetics in Hypertension, an ISN sponsored Forefronts in Nephrology symposium, will be held in Berlin, Germany on September 4–7, 1997. The aims of the meeting are to expand existing knowledge in the area of molecular genetics and hypertension, as well as cement cooperation between scientists in the United States, western Europe and elsewhere with scientists in eastern Europe and Russia. Main topics include: human genetics, animal genetics, somatic gene transfer in cardiovascular disease, strategies in complex genetic diseases, genetic field working, and the study of cardiovascular phenotypes in animals and humans. For further information contact Friedrich C. Luft, Franz Volhard Clinic, Wiltberg Strasse 50, 13122 Berlin, Germany. Telephone: 49 30 9417 2202; FAX: 49 30 9417 2206; E-mail: fcluft@mdc-berlin.de

The Second Congress of Balkan Cities Association of Nephrology, Dialysis, Transplantation and Artificial Organs (BANTAO) will be held in Struga, Republic of Macedonia, September 6–8, 1997. Main topics will include: epidemiology of renal diseases, acute renal failure (etiopathogenesis and treatment), renal replacement therapy, systemic disease and renal involvement, progress in nephrology, and drugs and the kidney. Deadline for abstracts is May 15, 1997. For further information contact Prof. M. Polenakovik, President-Second Congress of BANTAO, Dept. of Nephrology, Clinical Centre, Faculty of Medicine, Vodnjanska 17, 91 000 Skopje, Republic of Macedonia. Telephone: 389 91 112-179; FAX: 389 91 614-486; E-mail: maknefpo@lotus.mpt.com.mk

The 5th Congress of the African Association of Nephrology will be held as a joint meeting with the 21st Congress of the South African Renal Society and the 19th Congress of the South African Renal Care Society in Durban, South Africa on September 7–10, 1997. For further information contact Dr. Indiran P. Naiker, South African Renal Society, Dialysis/Transplant Clinic Addington Hospital, P.O. Box 977, Durban 4000, KwaZulu-Natal, Republic of South Africa. Telephone: 27 31 322111, Extension 305; FAX: 27 31 375755.

The 1st International Conference on Familial Mediterranean Fever (FMF) will be held September 7–11, 1997 in Jerusalem, Israel. Main topics will include: clinical aspects of FMF; ethnic distribution of FMF; FMF and amyloidosis; rare manifestations of FMF; vasculitis in FMF; FMF-like syndromes (porphyria, Behcet's disease, hyper IgD syndrome, Hibernian fever); FMF in childhood; FMF and the musculoskeletal system; colchicine and FMF; FMF and related diseases; mapping and cloning of the FMF gene; laboratory diagnosis. Deadline for receipt of abstracts is June 7, 1997. For further information contact CARMEL Organizers of Conferences, P.O. Box 1912, Ramat Gan 52532, Israel. Telephone: 972-3-5754040; FAX: 972-3-5753107.

The Second Congress of the Macedonian Society of Nephrology, Dialysis, Transplantation and Artificial Organs will be held in Struga, Republic of Macedonia on September 8–10, 1997. Main topics will include: epidemiology of renal disease in the Republic of Macedonia, acute renal failure, dialysis, pregnancy and the kidney, urinary tract infection, primary and secondary glomerulonephropathies, hypertension, and ultrasound in nephrology. Deadline for abstracts is May 15, 1997. For further information contact Prof. K. Cakalaroski, Second Congress of MSNDTAAO, Dept. of Nephrology, Clinical Centre, Faculty of Medicine, Vodnjanska 17, 91 000 Skopje, Republic of Macedonia. Telephone: 389 91 119-237 or 389 91 147-276; FAX: 389 91 614-486; E-mail: maknefpo@lotus.mpt.com.mk

A National Institutes of Health Sponsored Workshop on Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD) will be held September 10–11, 1997 in Crystal City, Virginia, USA. The emphasis will be on the cutting edge of research, with prominent scientists giving presentations and exchanging information with an audience heavily engaged in PKD-related research. For further information contact Ms. Andrea Gasper at ComputerCraft Corporation, Two Democracy Plaza, 6707 Democracy Blvd., Suite 101, Bethesda, MD 20817. Telephone: (301) 493-9674; FAX: (301) 530-0634; E-mail: andreag@ccc76.com

The 15th Annual Meeting of the International Society of Blood Purification will be held September 11–13, 1997 in Florence, Italy. Topics will include symposia on myocardium in chronic renal failure, present status of peritoneal dialysis, novelties from EPO developments, and oral/poster presentations on clinical, technical, immunological, and metabolic aspects pertaining to all types of blood purification methods. For further information contact Prof. Quirino Maggiore, Nephrology Unit, S.M. Annunziata Hospital, 50011 Florence, Italy. FAX: 39 55 6449223; E-mail: q.maggiore@trident.nettuno.it

Renal Hemodynamics, Cellular and Molecular Determinants: New Concepts and Insights for Their Role in Normal/Abnormal Renal Function and in Hypertension, an international symposium honoring Dr. Klaus Thurau, will be held at the Seeon Monastery in Bavaria, Germany on September 18–21, 1997. This symposium, under the auspices of the International Society of Nephrology and the Federation of European Physiological Societies, will consist of oral presentations by invited speakers and free poster communications. For further information contact Prof. Dr. Detlef Schlöndorff, Medizinische Poliklinik/Klinikum Innenstadt, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Pettenkoferstraße 81, D-80336 München, Germany. Telephone: 49-89-5160-3500; FAX: 49-89-5160-4439; E-mail: sdorff@nameandmail.med.uni-muenchen.de

The 1997 Annual Congress of the European Renal Association-European Dialysis and Transplant Association (ERA-EDTA) will be held in Geneva, Switzerland on September 21–24, 1997. The ERA-EDTA is giving 60 congress Grants to young nephrologists to participate in this Congress. The American Medical Association has approved this Congress for a maximum of 26 hours of Category 1 credit towards the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. For further information contact the ERA-EDTA Congress office at P.O. Box 474 Parma Sud, I-43100 Parma, Italy. Telephone: 39-521-98 90 78; FAX 39-521-291 777; E-mail: eraedta@ipruniv.cce.unipr.it

The Xth Colombian Congress of Nephrology and Hypertension will be held October 1–4, 1997 in Medellin, Colombia. In addition